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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 8 AND 9:

THE FRENCH PERSPECTIVE

REF: DUBLIN 645-649

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: QUAI HAS GIVEN US REPORT ON DUBLIN

EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING, CLOSELY PARALLELING REPORTS IN DUBLIN 645-649, ALTHOUGH QUAI REP ADDED SEVERAL POINTS. WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON PICK UP IRISH OFFER FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION TO INSURE THAT EC-NINE -- INCLUDING THE FRENCH -- ARE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR ANALYSIS AND PREFERRED COURSE OF ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DUFOURCQ (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE) GAVE US FOLLOWING RUN DOWN ON RECENT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WHICH HE ATTENDED ALONG WITH QUAI DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTORLEPRETTE (QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR LABOULAYE WAS WITH GISCARD IN ALGERIA AND COULD NOT ATTEND DUBLIN MEETING).

3. CSCE: DUFOURCQ SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS FOCUSED MOST OF THEIR ATTENTION ON CSCE DURING DUBLIN MEETING, AND CONFIRMED REPORTS FROM OTHER CAPITALS ON DETAILS OF CSCE DISCUSSION. HE ADDED THAT DANISH PROPOSAL FOR CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 1977 -- WHICH DANES TABLED IN EARLY 1974 -- WAS PREDICATED ON PRINCIPLE THAT REVIEW SESSION SHOULD OCCUR ABOUT THREE YEARS AFTER CSCE STAGE III WAS COMPLETED. WHILE DUFOURCQ SAID THAT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD DECIDED TO KEEP DANISH PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE, HE OBSERVED PERSONALLY THAT THREE YEAR PERIOD STILL SEEMED TO BE REASONABLE GAP BETWEEN STAGE III AND REVIEW CONFERENCE.

4. CYPRUS: DUFOURCQ SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED CYPRUS SITUATION, INCLUDING HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN UN SPONSORED DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA STARTING APRIL 28. THEY DECIDED AGAINST ANY EC INITIATIVE AT THE MOMENT, PREFERRING TO LEAVE IT TO THE UN SYG TO RUN WITH THE BALL.

5. GREECE-TURKEY: DUFOURCQ SAID THERE WAS GENERAL WRINGING OF HANDS OVER THE MOUNTING TENSIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AEGEAN SEA (CONTINENTAL SHELF PROBLEM, GREEK "REMILITARIZATION OF DODECANESIN, TURKISH OVERFLIGHT OF GREEK AEGEAN ISLANDS), BUT CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING THAT THE EC COULD

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DO FOR THE MOMENT EXCEPT MONITOR THIS EXPLOSIVE SITUATION.

6. MIDDLE EAST: DUFOURCQ SAID THAT DISCUSSION AMONG EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVEALED DIFFERENCES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING A "STEP-BY-STEP" APPROACH TO SOLVING THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AS WELL AS DIFFERENCES OVER THE UTILITY OF RESUMING THAT APPROACH. HE ADDED THAT THERE

WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THERE WAS NO FORESEEABLE ROLE FOR EUROPE IN THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL CRISIS -- AT LEAST AT THE PRESENT TIME. DUFOURCQ MADE NO REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EC PRESIDENCY AND U.S. ON SUBJECT, LET ALONE TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS' CONSIDERATION OF GUARANTEES AND THE EGYPTIAN SUGGESTION FOR UK AND FRENCH PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA.

7. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: DUFOURCQ COMMENTED THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT THE WAY THE PLO REPRESENTATION ISSUE WILL BE HANDLED AT THE GENEVA TALKS COULD HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.

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8. PORTUGAL: DUFOURCQ ADMITTED THAT FRANCE HAD OPPOSED EARLIER IDEA OF JOINT EC INTERVENTION IN LISBON SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. HE COMMENTED THAT PORTUGUESE REACTION TO THE VARIOUS BILATERAL APPROACHES MADE AT THAT TIME SUGGESTED TO THE FRENCH THAT "PREACHING" TO THE PORTUGUESE ON HOW THEY SHOULD HANDLE THEIR INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION  
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LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO WESTERN INTERESTS BY CREATING PORTUGUESE RESENTMENT AND DISREGARD OF OUR COUNSEL. MOREOVER, SAID DUFOURCQ, PORTUGAL POSES ECONOMIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS FOR THE EC. FOR EXAMPLE, THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE EXPORTS OF WINE TO THE EC AND FREE CIRCULATION OF PORTUGUESE CITIZENS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ARE SUBJECTS OF GREAT SENSITIVITY AND SOME DISCORD AMONG THE EC-NINE. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE EC TO FORMULATE A SINGLE POLITICAL POLICY TOWARD THE LISBON REGIME AT THE PRESENT TIME.

9. COMMENT: IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT OUR EC PARTNERS -- INCLUDING THE GOF -- ARE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR CURRENT THINKING ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION INCLUDING PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. RESPOND TO IRISH EC PRESIDENCY OFFER FOR CONSULTATIONS REPORTED IN DUBLIN 649.  
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